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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 119 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/58/571 and Add.1 and 2.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 51st meeting, on 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/58/SR.51).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/58/L.92

3. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration" (A/C.5/58/L.92).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.92 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Before the adoption of the draft decision statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Uruguay, Australia, India, Egypt and Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-ninth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 121
Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan;[1]

Item 134
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions as at 30 June 2003;[2]

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the updated financial position of closed peacekeeping missions;[3]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund;[4]

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund;[5]

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement of goods and services through letters of assist.[6]

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[1] A/58/729.
[2] A/58/778.
[3] A/58/799.
[4] A/58/724.
[5] A/58/732.
[6] A/57/718.